



October 18, 2007

Hon. Michael E. Misick  
Leader  
Progressive National Party  
Progressive House  
Providenciales  
Turks & Caicos Islands

Dear Hon. Misick:

**RE: LEADERSHIP CONCERNS**

We write to express our concern about the manner in which you and your Cabinet are governing the Turks and Caicos Islands. There are a number of issues which we will outline in this letter for your immediate attention and correction.

1. **Absentee Premier** - It is the general belief and or feeling among people of the Turks and Caicos that the Premier does not reside here but instead lives in California, USA. This is a matter that can easily be resolved by the Premier being more visible, announcing his departure and the reasons for which he will be absent from the Country as well as an official press release on the outcome of his trip once he returns.
2. **Government Information Services / TCI New Media Network** - The Government of the TCI has two media sources and both of them seem incompetent and unable to provide the Country with information about Government business. Public Relations is one of the major problems facing this Administration. Lack of information causes persons to speculate and gossip then surfaces and persons form opinions based on what they are hearing. This must end. Whatever the problems are facing GIS and TCI New Media, they must be resolved and proper management must be put in place so that the image of our Government changes to a positive one.
3. **Cabinet's Mandate** - Your Government seems to be sidetracked and there seems to be no plan for the further development of our Country. It is our belief that the Government needs to set out its priorities and see how best they can be accomplished over the next three and a half years.
4. **Financial Position** - The Government must address the Nation on the current financial position. Rumors are surfacing about the Country's purse and there has been no report to the

people of the Turks and Caicos Islands. What we have seen is that the Premier continues to travel extensively, while classrooms remain over crowded, the Leeward Highway is still incomplete, all sub-divisions roads are not paved as promised, construction has not yet commenced on the hospitals for Providenciales and Grand Turk, the new schools for the Long Bay Community have not been built and a host of other promises have not been delivered.

5. **Guests of the Premier & First Lady** - The Guests of the Premier and First Lady have an attitude of blatant disrespect for front line officials in the Turks and Caicos Islands. These guests need to be informed that they should treat our people with the same level of respect they have to show to their officials in the United States, they are not exempt from Border Controls in their Country and it should be no different in our Country.
6. **Cabinet & The Capital** - Our Government Ministers and The Premier must be seen to spend time in the Nation's Capital, Grand Turk. The Government is paying for a house in Grand Turk which is not being used because no member of this Administration with perhaps the exception of the Deputy Premier spends one night in the Capital. This practice must change.
7. **Cabinet & Ministries Public Functions** - The Premier and his Ministers are not attending functions put on by the various Government Ministries. This must also cease. The Ministers should at the very least attend their own Ministries functions and even further they should show support to their colleagues by attending their functions as well. The Premier must lead by example. He does not attend Government functions and it has a very negative impact on the image of this Administration.
8. **Appointment of Civil Servants to the PSC** - There are three recent appointments to the Public Service Commission which is a cause for concern. The appointment of Mr. Hugh Fulford as the Permanent Secretary, Susan Malcolm as the Under Secretary and Edwin Taylor as Human Resource Officer will only create a greater struggle for this Administration in carrying out its mandate. We continue to promote those who fight against us in Government, and ultimately leak out important information to the opposition causing unnecessary negative publicity.
9. **Government Contracts** - It is public knowledge that Black Americans have been given the key to the city of Providenciales. They are hired by the "Tourist Board" to organize events for which they are paid exorbitant amounts of money and then still have vendors forward their bills to the Tourist Board for payment, which is double dipping. In addition to this, local promoters are not involved in the events and locals who are used to help produce the events are not paid for their services. This practice is not in the best interest of our Country. These Black Americans are using the Turks and Caicos Islands to make money and have no interest in the development or sustainability of our economy.
10. **Premier's Personal Life** - Although we believe that the Premier and Ministers personal lives are private. There are certain aspects of your lives that draw public attention and decisions that may have effects on the Country. One such decision is that of the Life Time Reality Show about the 1st Lady and the Premier. We detest the Premier venturing into a reality

show. It is belittling to the Office of Premier. Either you are the Premier of the Turks and Caicos Islands or you are a Hollywood Actor, but you cannot be both. This reality show will only serve as a further distraction from the mandate that you have been given as leader of the Country. Hollywood has proven that they can have you on a pedestal today and the minute there is one iota of negativity about you they pull the pedestal from under you. We do not want the Turks and Caicos Islands to relive the embarrassment of 1985 especially not under a Progressive National Party Administration.

11. **House of Assembly** - There needs to be more frequent meetings of the House of Assembly to deal with the several bills that are outstanding and need to be addressed as a matter of urgency. We make reference to the Anti-Corruption Legislation in particular, which the PNP promised to deal with since the 2003 general elections. This bill should be presented in Parliament if only to give the perception that the Government is serious about it.

We have raised these issues as members of the Executive of the Progressive National Party so that the Premier and the other 12 members of Parliament are aware of the way the public and supporters view their performance. We expect that you will immediately address these issues and change the manner in which you and your Cabinet are governing the Country.

If our advice falls on deaf ears, it is our intention to call a special convention to elect a new Party Leader. We cannot remove you as Premier but we will send you a strong message that you will not continue to lead our Party in this manner.

Respectfully,

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Dwayne Gardiner, Deputy Chairman  
Donhue Gardiner, Secretary General  
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